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SUBJECT: FISHING LIMITS ISSUE: SOVIET AND GDR STATEMENTS

1. PRESS REPORTED JULY 6 THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR FARAFANOV HAD CALLED ON FONMIN AGUSTSSON TO "OPPOSE" PLANNED ICELANDIC EXTENSION OF FISHING LIMITS JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES. ON JULY 8, PRESS THEN REPORTED THAT EAST GERMAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER HAD SAID THAT EAST GERMANY COULD SUPPORT EXTENSIONS BY SCANDINAVIANS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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200 MILES BUT ON CONDITION THAT STATES TRADITIONALLY FISHING

WITHIN THE NEW LIMITS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.

- 2. DEPSECGEN OF MFA HELGASON CONFIRMED THAT FARAFANOV HAD CALLED ON FON MIN TO HAND OVER "A PIECE OF PAPER WITH NO HEADING SAYING THE SOVIETS HOPED WE WOULD NOT" EXTEND THE LIMIT TO 200 MILES AND IN RETURN, HE RECEIVED A SIMILAR PIECE OF PAPER "SAYING WE WILL." EAST GERMANS HAVE NOT YET MADE ANY OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS.
- 3. COMMENT: THE SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS DID NOTHING TO HELP COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PEOPLES ALLIANCE WHOSE NEWSPAPER THJODVILJINN HAS BEEN INSISTING IN STRIDENT TERMS THAT NO FOREIGNERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO FISH WITHIN NEW LIMITS. POSSIBLY IN ANTICIPATION OF SOVIET VIEWS, PA LINE HAS RECENTLY SHIFTED TO CLAIM THAT BASIC AREA OF CONCERN TO ICELAND IS FROM SHORE TO PRESENT FIFTY MILE LIMIT SINCE THAT IS WHERE 90 PERCENT OF ICELAND'S CATCH COMES FROM. IT IS ALSO PRIMARY AREA WHERE BRITISH, WEST GERMANS, AND OTHER WESTERNERS FISH WHILE SOVIETS, EAST GERMANS AND POLES FISH (WITH LARGE FACTORY TRAWLERS) BETWEEN 50 AND 200 MILES. IRVING

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